What is witchcraft?

* A general agreement hasn’t/has (circle one) been reached on what witchcraft was, or might be
* There are about \_\_\_ definitions that can be used to understand witchcraft

New Englanders definition

* Early colonists defined witchcraft as “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”
* Some witches were considered \_\_\_\_\_\_
* Using their powers for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

New Englanders definition (cont.)

* They believed some humans were darkly unnatural and possessed supernatural abilities
* Accused witches were said to abuse their powers by wreaking havoc on the community
* The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for why witchcraft was used was how the term was defined

Puritans definition

* “understood witchcraft as a relationship between a human being and the devil”
* Looked for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of this relationship
* By telling Puritans of the pain/joy (circle one) they felt when warding off Satan’s attempt to lure them they gave useful evidence for their definition

Modern Definition

* historians believe New England witch-craft as a way to express social and cultural anxieties among accusers rather than the harm the accused was accused
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ lent bias to deciphering the meanings of witchcraft

How did they determine who were witches?

* People saw them performing witchcraft
* They admitted to/denied(circle one) it

How did they determine who were witches (cont’d)

* “familiars” are given to them by the devil
  + Small animals that wreaked havoc on the surrounding population
  + Exclusively \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

How did they determine who were witches? (cont’d)

* Tying someone up and throwing them into the water
  + If they sank?
    - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + If they floated? (like a cork)
    - They were a witch!
    - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

How did they determine who were witches? (cont’d)

* If they had a “witchmark”
  + Anything like a\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the skin
* The “witchmark” was considered to be where the devil touched them
  + Someone would poke them with a needle-like object on their “witchmark” and if they felt no pain then they were said to be a witch
    - If they \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ then they were innocent

How did they determine who were witches? (cont’d)

* If someone was of a\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ social status then people sometimes thought that they could be a witch
* Usually, witches were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + Few exceptions
* If someone was a studier of medicine, then people thought that they might be a witch

Punishing Witches

* The traditional punishment for convicted witches was being \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. This started in Europe in the witch era.
* England was known for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ their witches as well as burning them.
* Though England forbade it, Scotland \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_the torturing of witches in order to receive confessions.

Punishing Witches cont.

* Torturing methods included
  + \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Pressing, the act of putting a board of the body and putting weight on it, was also used.

The First Witch Trial

* Occurred in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ during 1566
* Came about as a result of pressure from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* The first trial to be written up in a pamphlet
* Elizabeth Frances used a cat to inflict harm on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and her daughter Joan
* Elizabeth was found \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ while Agnes was hung

Salem Witch Trials

* Occurred in Salem, Massachusetts
* 1862-1863
* 200 were accused of witchcraft and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_were put in jail
* Tituba, Sarah Good, and Sarah Osbourne were accused of witchcraft and thrown in jail due to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_’s confession